

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THOMAS L. GINDIN, ET AL. )  
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Serial No.: 09/862,797                     )  
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For: PASSWORD EXPOSURE ELIMINATION )  
FOR DIGITAL SIGNATURE COUPLING ) Confirmation No.: 1174  
WITH A HOST IDENTITY                     )

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2006, please amend the Application as follows: